

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2023

The South Dakota Brand Board met on June 7, 2023, in Rapid City, SD. Members present in person were Scott Vance, Myron Williams, Lyle Spring, David Paul and Haven Stuck. Brand Board staff and others present in person or remotely were Debbie Trapp, Tim Quinn, Adam Masters, Jen Masters, Amy Hatheway, Derek Brink. Bob Haivala joined the meeting at 2:44 pm.

Pres. Vance called the meeting to order.

Motion by Paul to adopt agenda with the addition of Report on Ad Hoc Meeting and Bar Bar V Rodeo Stock Transportation Permit Application, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Open Comments: Allowable brand characters, available brands, and inspections done at horse camps and barrel racing event.

Motion by Spring to approve the May 3, 2023 Regular Brand Board Meeting Minutes, second by Paul. Motion carried.

Director Trapp presented financial information as of May 31, 2023. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$1,814,691.19, Brand Inspection Fund \$591,251.66; Theft Prevention Fund \$366,965.15 (\$175,946.47 pending ownership). Motion by Spring to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Masters reported the current cases he is working on, visited four locker plants, reported violations.

Quinn reported he visited brand inspectors at Presho and Winner. He and Masters visited with brand inspectors at St. Onge; working on missing cattle reports, horse reported stolen had been seized by the Tribe.

Director Trapp gave the Brand Inspection Report for May 2023: Livestock Markets – 75,469 head, Locker Plants 187 head, Locals – 48,365 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 106 head, for a total of 124,127 head. Year to date inspections for FY 23 continue to be the lowest in seven years.

Director Trapp gave the Director's report: Thank you to Dave Cuny for his 50 years of service as a brand inspector; the three District Supervisors are Walt Brindley, Joel Olivier and Doug Paxton; Vance, Williams and I met with ag groups and the Dept of Agriculture and Natural Resources on May 17th to answer questions regarding the Theft Prevention Fund and brand programs. Another meeting is scheduled for July 12th in Rapid City; Matt Clair and I met with the livestock investigators to discuss the inspection program; Brand Applications received in May were 42 and 36 applications were approved in May; the reimbursement rate for mileage and feed on stray livestock will need to be reviewed.

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Pres. Vance reported on the Ad-Hoc meeting he attended with Director Trapp and VP Williams which was hosted by Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources in Pierre with other ag groups in attendance. Brand and ownership programs were discussed also the Theft Prevention Fund.

Motion by Spring to approve Rodeo Stock Transportation Permit Application for Bar Bar V Livestock, Derek Brink, second by Williams. Motion carried.

FY 23 Budget Amendments – Discussed year end expenses. No FY 23 Budget Amendments needed.

Motion by Spring to move Brand Inspector’s Mileage Bonus agenda item to after Salary Policy discussions, second by Paul. Motion carried.

Discussed restricted and unrestricted funds within Theft Prevention fund. No action taken.

Motion by Williams to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1)personnel at 3:55 p.m., second by Stuck. Motion carried. Came out at 4:51 p.m.

Motion by Williams, to approve FY 24 State Salary Policy for full time employees, second by Vance. Motion carried.

Salary Policy for part-time and local brand inspectors was discussed. No action taken.

Motion by Williams, second by Spring to approve Brand Inspector’s mileage bonus of \$0.14/mile for local inspections and \$0.07/mile for mileage to livestock markets from February 2022 – February 2023. Motion carried.

Next Regular meeting is set for July 6, 2023, in Rapid City at 1:30 p.m. MT.

As no other business came before the board, Pres. Vance declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Vance, President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.